

DEADLINES: Weddings & Engagements, Thursday 5 p.m.
Other Social Items, Monday 5 p.m.

Social Events

Gala Mill Prong Ball planned for April 27

Invitations are being received this week to the gala Mill Prong Ball to be held at Flora Macdonald College April 27.

The affair will be black tie and will feature the Paul Reichle dance band, touted to be one of the most outstanding bands in this part of the country.

There will be a buffet dinner catered by Southern Seasons of Chapel Hill.

The proceeds of the Ball will go towards a matching grant of \$25,000 offered by the North Carolina Legislature and is a tax deductible donation.

In addition, those who go to the Ball will receive a numbered print of the picture done by Robeson County artist Steve Edgerton. The print alone is being offered for sale by Mill Prong Preservation, Inc., also.

The artist depicts the old home as it would have looked in its early days (circa 1800) It is sepia toned and of exceptionally good quality, worthy of gracing the wall of any home or office.

Mill Prong is the stately old house in Hoke County (formerly Robeson) built by John Gilchrist about 1800 and bought by Col. Archibald McEachern about 1830. It is an example of the home of an early Highland Scot Settler, and a very outstanding settler at that. Both John Gilchrist and Col. Archibald McEachern did much to improve this section of our state. Built in the Federal Style and remodeled in the Greek Revival Style it is a beautiful old structure well worth preserving to tell us of our heritage.

The house has been in the possession of the heirs of Col.

McEachern until the Mill Prong Preservation Inc. was formed and have obtained control of it. There is a cemetery nearby that along with the house is on the National Register. It has the graves of many of the early Scottish emigrants; the oldest marked grave is that of Gilbert McMillan, 1772.

It is interesting to observe that the ball is being held in a National Register structure to benefit another National Register structure. The gracious Flora Macdonald building, so recently repaired from the ravages of the 1984 tornado, is again to see service to its community.

Hector McLean, president of Mill Prong Preservation, Inc. and chairman of the Board of Southern National Bank, announced those to serve as chairman and co-chairman of committees to be Tom White of St. Pauls, dance; Ruth McEachern of Red Springs and Anne Upchurch of Raeford, decorations; Mary Virginia McFadyen of Raeford, Dick Brown of Laurinburg and Judith Thomson of Charlotte, publicity; Bill McLean of Lumberton, dinner; and Tom Wright of Wilmington, tickets. All of the above are members of the board of Mill Prong Preservation, Inc. except Tom White.

Other members of the board not named above are: George Paris, Ralph McQueen, Mrs. R.D. McMillan, Sr., Archibald Lovin and Jurney Edgerton of Red Springs; Mrs. Spencer Carlton and Alderman McLean of Wagram; Charles Hostetler and John McNeill Jr. of Raeford; Torrey McLean of Lumberton; John Balfour of Lumber Bridge; and Polly Blackwell of Winston Salem.



50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James L. Jackson were honored by their children at a 50th wedding anniversary celebration at their home in Fayetteville on March 17. They were married on March 14, 1935. The couple's children and their spouses are: Mr. and Mrs. James L. Jackson Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stephens, and Ms. Laney Chance of Fayetteville, Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Darden of Parkton, and Mr. and Mrs. Hervey Jackson and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jackson of Raeford.

Wedding planned

Mrs. Prunell Monore announces the plans of her daughter, Annie Monroe Harris, to wed Robert Little. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Little of Raeford.

The wedding is planned for May 4 at 2 p.m. in Daniels Temple Church of Raeford. Friends and relatives are cordially invited to attend.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Marlo Bell announce the birth of a son, Michael Marlo Jr., on March 25 in Cape Fear Valley Medical Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Turner of

Florence announce the birth of a daughter, Jennifer Lynn, on March 25. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Richard Inman and Mr. and Mrs. Buzzy Turner, all of Raeford.

Miss Townsend honored

On March 21, Mrs. James F. McPhaul, Mrs. Jack Burgess, and Mrs. Ralph Barnhart hosted a tea honoring Miss Susan Townsend, April 6 bride-elect of Glen Barnes.

Guests were invited to the McPhaul home. Cake squares, cream cheese sandwiches, assorted sweets, and punch were served.

Miss Townsend was given gifts of china, silver, and handmade linens.

Mrs. J.H. Austin, Mrs. Frank Baker, Mrs. John Balfour, Mrs. Robert Gibson, and Mrs. Faye Jordan were hosts for a luncheon honoring Miss Townsend at John's Restaurant in Lumberton on Saturday, March 23.

The honoree was given a corsage of daffodils when she arrived. Punch was served as guests began to gather.

The tables were decorated with arrangements of daffodils, iris, and forsythia. Sixteen guests were served a three course meal.

The hostesses remembered the bride-elect with a Waterford crystal goblet.

A luncheon at the Wright home on Cross Creek Farm honored Miss Susan Elizabeth Townsend on March 27. Hostesses were Mrs. J.H. Blue, Mrs. T.B. Lester, Mrs. Neill McFadyen, Mrs. Lawrence

McNeill, Mrs. Neil Senter, and Mrs. Younger Snead.

Guests were greeted at the door and invited into the den for appetizers. Miss Townsend received a corsage of spring flowers when she arrived. Jonquils and spring flowers decorated the house and the tables.

Chicken Supreme, mixed garden vegetables, and lemon fluff were served to sixteen guests.

Gifts of china, brass, and flatware were presented to the bride-elect.

On Saturday, March 30, Miss Townsend was honored with a poolside luncheon in Chapel Hill. Hostesses were Mrs. Robert Senior of Chapel Hill and Mrs. Gigi Robinson of Atlanta, Georgia.

The bride-elect was given a pink corsage. Guests were greeted by Gigi Robinson and invited to the luncheon table. It was decorated with grapevines and white silk flowers. The luncheon buffet was served in individual baskets. Fried chicken, deviled eggs, sandwiches, chocolate and lemon squares were served. Guests ate on the porch and deck by the swimming pool.

The bride was given a set of dishes by the hostesses. Mrs. Senior said goodbye to the guests from Clarksville, Virginia, Fayetteville, Raeford and Chapel Hill.

Shower honors Miss Williams

Miss Ja'Nae Williams of Rockingham, April 13 bride-elect of Bruce Ellis, was honored with a bridal shower Saturday evening at Community United Methodist Church Fellowship Building.

Hostesses were Mrs. Archie L. Walters, her daughters, and her daughters-in-law: Mrs. Tim Strickland, Mrs. Rodney Collins, Mrs. Roy Whitaker, Mrs. Michael Walters, and Mrs. Alan Walters.

After several bridal games, the honoree opened her gifts.

The refreshment table was covered with a white lace cloth and was centered with a blue and beige silk flower arrangement. The cake was decorated with touches of blue.

Special guests were Mrs. James Williams of Rockingham, mother of the bride-elect, Mrs. Raymond Ellis, mother of the prospective bridegroom, and Mrs. Viola Fulk, his grandmother.

INVITATION
Friends and relatives are invited to the wedding of Samantha Ja'Nae Williams and Bruce Darrell Ellis. No local invitations are being sent.

The wedding will take place on April 13 at 3 p.m. in the Beverly Hills Baptist Church in Rockingham. A reception will follow. Mr. and Mrs. James Williams of Rockingham.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Ellis are the parents of the groom-elect.

Hospital News

Mrs. Muriel Matheson
Lee Memorial Hospital
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Mrs. Harriette Mauney
Moore Memorial Hospital

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